



## EAST PRECINCT REPORT

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The following report includes the results of a series of meetings that were held across the East Precinct over the past several months as part of the Safe Communities Initiative. These meetings gave community members the chance to talk directly with police officers, City of Seattle employees, and each other about how to improve public safety in their neighborhoods. Here are the results of those conversations, which include descriptions of what we're doing at the East Precinct to meet the community's goals for public safety.

### Property Crime and Vandalism

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A friendlier relationship between police and community</li> <li>• More information sharing from SPD about crimes</li> <li>• More interagency communication and more proactive SPD operations</li> <li>• Increased resources for neighborhood blockwatches and clean ups</li> </ul>
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSJI training for SPD to address negative social and racial stereotypes (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police/policy/RSJI.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/police/policy/RSJI.htm</a>)</li> <li>• Launched the East Precinct Captain's Log (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/east/captainlog.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/police/precincts/east/captainlog.htm</a>)</li> <li>• Implemented predictive policing software to help officers patrol hotspot areas where crime is most likely to occur (<a href="http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/introducing-new-predictive-policing-software/">http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/introducing-new-predictive-policing-software/</a>)</li> <li>• Created the My Neighborhood Map System, which provides a clear and interactive way for community members to learn about and get involved with public safety in their neighborhood (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police/crime/onlinecrimemaps.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/police/crime/onlinecrimemaps.htm</a>)</li> <li>• The Seattle Police Department's Public Affairs Office is using social media sites like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter to keep the community informed. For example, Tweets by Beat and @getyourcarback programs were launched in an effort to keep the community informed and continue ongoing education and outreach efforts (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/spd2020">http://www.seattle.gov/spd2020</a>)</li> </ul>
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Neighborhoods and Seattle Police Department are working on a proposal to be considered in the 2014 budget process for increased community outreach and engagement, particularly in support of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design projects</li> <li>• Create a pilot technology education program through the Seattle Public Library to teach community members how to access and use the Seattle Police Department's data and website</li> </ul>

### Police Presence

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiring more police officers of color</li> <li>• Quicker response times and follow-ups with community members</li> <li>• More police officers in high crime areas</li> </ul>
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of the 20/20 plan, SPD is changing recruitment policies to recruit</li> </ul>

	<p>new officers that reflect the diversity and values of the communities they serve (<a href="http://seattlepolicejobs.com">seattlepolicejobs.com</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Neighborhood Policing Plan (NPP 2.0) is being updated, using an analysis of current patrol workload data, staffing analysis, and new deployment maps to determine the optimal number of police officers and how best to use those resources</li> <li>• Seattle Police Department is hiring 20 new officers (<a href="http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/revenue-forecast-allows-us-to-hire-20-new-police-officers/">http://mayormcginn.seattle.gov/revenue-forecast-allows-us-to-hire-20-new-police-officers/</a>)</li> </ul>
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to implement the 20/20 plan</li> <li>• Implement the NPP 2.0 plan in 2014 and beyond</li> </ul>

### Gun Violence

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reduction of shootings and gun-related crime in and around our schools</li> <li>• A general reduction of drug violence, gang violence, organized crime, and access to guns</li> <li>• Stricter gun laws</li> <li>• More police presence and focus on educating youth on gun violence</li> <li>• Attention to the issue of mental health and gun accessibility</li> </ul>
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launched the Safe Communities Policy Team, an interdepartmental interagency workgroup to address gun-related violence issues</li> <li>• Expanded efforts for the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative to include an additional 450 slots for at risk youth (<a href="http://safeyouthseattle.org">http://safeyouthseattle.org</a>)</li> <li>• Advocated in the State Legislature for stricter gun control laws</li> <li>• Introduced the Work Readiness Arts, in collaboration with the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and the Office of Arts and Culture. The Work Readiness Arts is a program that provides up to 70 at-risk youth, ages 14 to 18, with summer employment that links arts learning and work experiences (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/press/newsdetail.asp?ID=13715">http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/press/newsdetail.asp?ID=13715</a>)</li> </ul>
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to prioritize funding for ongoing youth programs</li> <li>• Advocate in the State Legislature for stricter gun control laws</li> <li>• Support the background check initiative</li> <li>• Work with community partners to create a second gun buyback</li> </ul>

### Drug-Related Crime

What we heard	<p>There is a need for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More community engagement</li> <li>• A community and government task force to identify and address issues, and to revise, review and establish policies</li> <li>• Addressing the issue of drug offenders with mental health issues</li> <li>• Addressing the need additional financial resources</li> </ul>
What we're doing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving street and park lighting to discourage drug and drug-related activity (<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police/blockwatch/toolkit.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/police/blockwatch/toolkit.htm</a>)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established the Crisis Intervention Team, composed of certified officers that respond to persons in mental health crises with the objective of diverting them from the criminal justice system and getting them to help to address their physical and mental health needs  <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/police/work/cit.htm">http://www.seattle.gov/police/work/cit.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.desc.org/crisis_solutions.html">http://www.desc.org/crisis_solutions.html</a></li> <li>Partnering with the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative and the Central Seattle Drug Free Communities Coalition</li> </ul>
What we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Seattle Police Department is creating a proposal for the 2014 budget process that looks at how to create additional police community engagement.</li> </ul>